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FOLLOWING ARE THE ANSWERS TO THE ENGINEERS OVERSEAS
HANDBOOK QUESTIONNAIRE:

1. A. ENGINEERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HAVE A LICENSE.

B. -

C. FOREIGN ENGINEERS MAY PRACTICE WITHOUT A LICENSE,
BUT THEY ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER WITH THE CENTRAL LABOR
OFFICE.

E. CENTRAL LABOR OFFICE.

2. A. THERE IS NO CONSULTING ENGINEERS SOCIETY IN MALI.

3. A. FOREIGN CONSULTING ENGINEERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO
HAVE A LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE.

4. A. LOCAL PARTICIPATION IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT THE
HIRING OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES IS ENCOURAGED AND
EXPECTED.

B. THERE IS NO SET STANDARD OF LOCAL EMPLOYEE
PARTICIPATION.

5. A. THERE IS NO SET PRACTICE REQUIRING CONSOR-
TIUM-TYPE BIDS IN WHICH THE ENGINEERING SERVICES ARE
INCLUDED WITH CONSTRUCTION, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT
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BIDS.

B. PRICE BIDDING IS THE USUAL METHOD OF MAKING CONTRACTS.

C. IT IS POSSIBLE TO ADOPT NEGOTIATED CONTRACTS PRECEDED BY PREQUALIFICATION.

D. CONTRACTS TERMS ROUTINELY PROVIDE FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES BY INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

E. NO SPECIAL PREBID FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS ARE ROUTINELY IMPOSED.

F. NO DISCRIMINATION HAS BEEN REPORTED. HOWEVER, MOST LARGE CONSTRUCTION IS FINANCED BY FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, AND CONTRACTS ARE TIED TO THE DONOR COUNTRY.

6. THERE ARE NO LIMITING REGULATIONS OR PROVISIONS THAT PERTAIN TO U.S. CONSULTING FIRMS.

7. MALI FRANCS ARE NOT FREELY CONVERTIBLE EXCEPT INTO OTHER FRANC-ZONE CURRENCIES. HOWEVER, A PORTION OF THE SALARY OF A FOREIGN TEMPORARY RESIDENT MAY BE PRESENTED AT THE MALIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK FOR TRANSFER INTO NON-FRANC ZONE CURRENCIES.

8. A. U.S. CONSULTANTS WORKING ON OTHER THAN A TAX-EXEMPT PROJECT ARE REQUIRED TO PAY LOCAL CORPORATE AND OTHER TAXES.

B. THE NORMAL CORPORATE TAX RATE IS 25 PERCENT OF GROSS PROFITS.

C. LOCAL ENGINEERS PAY A HIGHER RATE.

D. THERE IS NO REGULATIONS PROHIBITING A U.S. CONSULTANT FROM ORGANIZING AN OVERSEAS BRANCH OF HIS U.S. FIRM AND PAYING THE REQUIRED TAXES.

E. UNKNOWN.

9. A. U.S. CONSULTANTS WORKING ON OTHER THAN TAX-EXEMPT PROJECTS ARE REQUIRED TO PAY LOCAL AND OTHER TAXES.

B. THE NORMAL RATE FOR CONSULTANTS IS 25 PERCENT.

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10. A. THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR ALL MAJOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS.

11. A. THE OFFICIAL AND COMMERCIAL LANGUAGE IS FRENCH.

B. THE METRIC SYSTEM OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES
IS USED EXCLUSIVELY.

12. A. SOCIAL COSTS PAID BY THE EMPLOYER AMOUNT
TO ABOUT 33 PERCENT ABOVE WORKERS TAKE-HOME PAY.
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